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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Arellano, Aaron G.

APPLICATION No.: 10/730,460

FILED: DECEMBER 8, 2003

FOR: TEMPERATURE-CONTROLLED FLEXIBLE OPTICAL  
CIRCUIT FOR USE IN AN ERBIUM-DOPED FIBER  
AMPLIFIER AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE  
FLEXIBLE OPTICAL CIRCUIT

EXAMINER: TINA M. LIN

ART UNIT: 2874

CONFIRMATION No: 2907

**Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application,  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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**Commissioner for Patents**

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

**Note:** 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted  
☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)  
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

☐ Other

- b. ☒ Enclosed  
☒ Amendment/Reply  
☒ Affidavit Under 37 CFR §1.132  
☒ Notice of Appeal

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.

*(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)*

- b. ☐ Other

3. Extension of Time:

- ☒ Applicant requests a one month extension of time.

4. Fees *The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when RCE is filed.*

- a. ☒ Enclosed are checks in the amount of \$910.00 and \$500.00 to cover the following fees:

- ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)  
☒ \$790.00 (large entity). ☐ \$395.00 (small entity)

- ☒ One month extension of time  
☒ \$120.00 (large entity)  
☐ \$60.00 (small)

- ☒ Fee for Notice of Appeal (37 C.F.R. §1.17(b))

- ☒ Large Entity: \$500.00

- ☐ Small Entity: \$250.00

- b. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) of \$790.00 (large entity) / \$395.00 (small entity) and the Extension of Time Fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

☐ The Director is here by authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or refund any over payment to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,  
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